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Announcing the 25th Annual Mayor's Arts Awards Recipients

Washington, DC – The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities (DCCA) celebrated the 25th Annual Mayors Arts Awards and honored the inspiring accomplishments of **ten artists and cultural organizations**. The **Mayor's Arts Awards** are the highest honors conferred by the District of Columbia in recognition of artistic excellence and service. This year's award recipients demonstrate the wide range and highest caliber of talent that the District of Columbia arts community has to offer. Winners were chosen by the Mayor's Arts Awards Advisory Jury comprised of prominent members of the District's arts community with expertise in dance, music, theatre, literary arts, visual arts, arts service and arts education.

DCCA's commitment of raising the profile of its grantees continues through the **Mayor's Arts Awards** by providing grant awards to the winner of each category. The awards were presented in the following categories: Excellence in an Artistic Discipline, Excellence in Service to the Arts, Innovation in the Arts, Outstanding Contribution to Arts Education, Outstanding Emerging Artists and the Mayor's Award for Arts Teaching. Additionally, the **Mayor's Award for Visionary Leadership in the Arts** was presented to **Félix Angel, Director of the Inter-American Development Bank, Cultural Center**. **Washington Post** writer **Michael O'Sullivan** also received the **Mayor's Special Recognition Award**. The winners will be featured on **Art (202) TV** on TV-16.

"Washington's arts community is integral to the world-class city we call home," says **Gloria Nauden**, Executive Director of the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities. "This year we received **102 nominations**, a record number. The **Mayor's Arts Awards** represent our appreciation of the contributions made to the rich cultural vitality of our city." The Awards have a long tradition of honoring the best of the best in the arts and sets the artistic tone for years to come. Since 1968, the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities has supported community development through the arts by promoting artistic excellence. Legends such as Leonard Slatkin, Roberta Flack, Shirley Horn and Peggy Cooper Cafritz are past recipients of Mayor's Arts Awards.

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***And the 25th Annual Mayor's Arts Awards Recipients
are...***

EXCELLENCE IN AN ARTISTIC DISCIPLINE

Peter Waddell

EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE TO THE ARTS

Margery E. Goldberg

INNOVATION IN THE ARTS

The Theater Lab School of the Dramatic Arts

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO ARTS EDUCATION

CityDance Ensemble, Inc.

OUTSTANDING EMERGING ARTIST

Luciana Steconi

The Mayor's Award for Arts Teaching

PERFORMING ARTS

Rebecca Stump

Lafayette Elementary School

LANGUAGE ARTS

Mark A. Williams

Duke Ellington School of the Arts

VISUAL ARTS

Bill Harris

Duke Ellington School of the Arts

Honors of Distinction

Mayor's Award for Visionary Leadership in the Arts

Félix Angel

Director of the Inter-American Development Bank, Cultural Center

Mayor's Special Recognition Award

Michael O'Sullivan

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